

REMARKS

Claim 7 is amended to describe that the method enhances grinding efficiency as described at page 3, lines 1-4, and elsewhere. Claim 7 is also amended to recite tetrahydroxylamine diamine in combination with an alkanolamine selected from the group of amines, and the ratios of these components, as supported at page 4, lines 24-30.

Claims 9, 11, and 13 are amended to correct dependencies.

New Claim 16 describes the use of tetrahydroxylethylethylene diamine in the amount of 28-38%, triethanolamine in the amount of 9-19%, and diethanolisopropanolamine in the amount of 53-63%, as described at page 11, lines 8-11.

New claim 17 incorporates the tetrahydroxylethylene diamine and triethanolamine for enhancing Blaine fineness of cement produced from the grinding of clinker, as supported in the examples beginning on page 6.

New claim 18 further describes that the grinding of cement clinker occurs in closed-circuit grinding wherein coarse ground material is returned into the mill for further grinding, and the incorporation of the tetrahydroxylethylene diamine and triethanolamine decrease the amount of coarse material returned to the mill for further grinding, as supported at page 9, example 3.

New claim 19 further describes the strength feature as described at page 3, line 14, and elsewhere in the specification.

In view of the fact that the claims are fully supported by description contained in the specification as originally filed, the Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced into the above-identified application by way of the new claims. Claims 7, 9, 11, 13-14, 16-19 are believed to be in form for allowance.



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